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SUBJECT: UNCTAD - SHIPPING - PORT CONGESTION (DOC. TDB/C.4/142)

1. STURMEY, ACTING CHIEF, SHIPPING DIVISION, UNCTAD, MADE PLEA TO GROUP B COUNTRIES TO UNDERTAKE VOLUNTARY FINANCING OF GROUP OF EXPERTS TO STUDY PORT CONGESTION PROBLEMS. HE BASED HIS PLEA FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ON FACT THAT NORMAL UNCTAD EXPENDITURE APPROVAL PROCESS WOULD PRECLUDE HOLDING OF EXPERT'S GROUP MEETING UNTIL 1978, AND URGENCY OF PROBLEMS REQUIRES FASTER ACTION. TOTAL REQUESTED BETWEEN 20 AND 25 THOUSAND DOLLARS FOR ONE WEEK MEETING OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS.

2. IT BECAME APPARENT FROM GROUP B QUESTIONS THAT PURPOSE OF EXPERT'S GROUP IS DEVELOP RECOMMENDATION FOR UNDP FINANCE PROGRAMS TO ASSIST COUNTRIES SUFFERING
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FROM SEVERE PORT CONGESTION. ALSO APPARENT THAT

STURMEY HAD NOT TOUCHED BASE WITH IMCO ON ITS ACTIVITIES
IN THIS FIELD NOT HAD HE SOUGHT VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS
FROM GOVERNMENTS OF COUNTRIES SUFFERING CONGESTION.
HE EXPECTING REPLY TO APPEAL AT COMMITTEE ON SHIPPING
MEETING NOVEMBER 10.

3. COMMENT: GENERAL RECEPTION BY GROUP B REPRESENT-
ATIVES TO STURMEY'S APPEAL SKEPTICAL, PARTICULARLY
IN THE FACE OF HIS APPARENT LACK OF KNOWLEDGE OF
ACTIVITIES OF OTHERS, PARTICULARLY IMCO. MISSION
WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON CURRENT ASSISTANCE
PROGRAMS ON PORT CONGESTION, EITHER BILATERAL OR
MULTILATERAL. ABRAMS

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